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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	
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ANDREW B. SECHTIN, D.C.	:	Administrative Action
License No. MC 005060	:	
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TO PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC IN THE	:	CONSENT ORDER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	
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This matter was most recently opened to the New Jersey State Board of Chiropractic Examiners ("Board") upon receipt of information from the Physicians' Healthcare Program/Healthcare Professionals' Program of the Medical Society of New Jersey ("PHP") that Andrew B. Sechtin, D.C. ("Respondent") had admitted a relapse into the abuse of alcohol. Respondent has since voluntarily agreed to cease practice and has entered into in-patient treatment at the Lakeview Health Systems treatment center in Jacksonville, Florida on or about December 17, 2003.

The records in this matter reveal that Respondent had previously entered into a Consent Order with the Board on or about

January 15, 2003, after he suffered a relapse into the abuse of the Gammahydroxybutrate (GHB) and alcohol. The January 2003 Order reflected Respondent's long history of chemical dependency and recurrent relapses. In that Order, Respondent was reprimanded for his use of an illegal substance, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(1), and for his failure to disclose to the Board his past arrests for Driving While Intoxicated, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(a). Respondent's license to practice chiropractic was suspended for six (6) months, which was stayed and served as a period of probation, and Respondent agreed to comply with a treatment plan developed by the PHP, which included, among other things, absolute abstinence from the use of all drugs and alcohol, random urine screens twice per week, documented attendance at A.A. meetings, monthly in-person visits with the PHP, and continued psychotherapy therapy. The January 15, 2003 Consent Order is attached hereto and made part hereof.

Respondent now seeks leave to voluntarily surrender his license to practice chiropractic in the State of New Jersey without prejudice and in accordance with the terms of this Order. The Board finding the within disposition to be adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare,

IT IS, therefore, on this 28th day of January, 2004,
ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent, Andrew B. Sechtin, D.C., is hereby granted leave and shall immediately surrender his license to practice chiropractic in the State of New Jersey for a minimum period of six (6) months from the entry date of this Order.

2. Respondent shall return his original New Jersey license and current biennial registration to the New Jersey State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Post Office Box 45004, Newark, New Jersey 07101, upon his receipt of a filed copy of this Order.

3. Respondent shall comply with the attached directives for chiropractors whose surrender of licensure has been accepted by the Board, which are incorporated herein by reference.

4. Prior to any application for reinstatement of his license, Respondent shall:

- a. Appear before the Board, or a committee thereof, to discuss his readiness to re-enter the practice of chiropractic. At that time, Respondent shall be prepared to propose his plans for future practice in New Jersey. Respondent hereby agrees to provide the Board with the documentation requested in Paragraph 4 of this Order, prior to making his written request for reinstatement or with his written request for reinstatement;
- b. Provide the Board with evidence that he is capable of discharging the functions of a licensee in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety and welfare and that he is not then suffering from any impairment or limitation resulting

from the use of alcohol or any drug which could affect his practice;

- c. Provide the Board with evidence that he is not a habitual user of cocaine, alcohol, drugs or intoxicants in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:9-16(b) and is not engaged in professional misconduct in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e);
- d. Provide the Board with complete treatment records of all diagnostic and rehabilitative therapy and an in-depth, current evaluation from a Board approved psychiatrist or psychologist. In addition, Respondent shall provide reports from each and every mental health professional (including, but not limited to: psychologists, psychiatrists, counselors, and therapists) who have participated in Respondent's care and/or treatment for the disability in this matter during the period of time from his entry into treatment to his appearance before the Board;
- e. Submit documentation to the Board that he has participated in random, weekly, and directly witnessed urine monitoring, and has not had any positive test results for alcohol or any other psychoactive substances.
- f. Provide the Board with a report from the Physicians Health Program detailing the nature and extent of his involvement with that entity, if any;
- g. Affirmatively establish his fitness, competence and capacity to re-enter the active practice of chiropractic within New Jersey; and

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- h. Provide the Board with a full account of his conduct during the intervening period of time from his entry into treatment to his appearance pursuant to this Order.

5. The parties hereby stipulate that entry of this Order is without prejudice to further action by this Board or other law enforcement entities resulting from Respondent's conduct prior to entry of this Order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

By: Mary-Allen Rada, D.C.Mary-Allen Rada, D.C.
President

I have read and understood the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order. I understand that this Order has serious legal consequences and have decided to enter into this agreement with the Board without the advice of legal counsel, as is my right.

Andrew B. Lechten, D.C.
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